

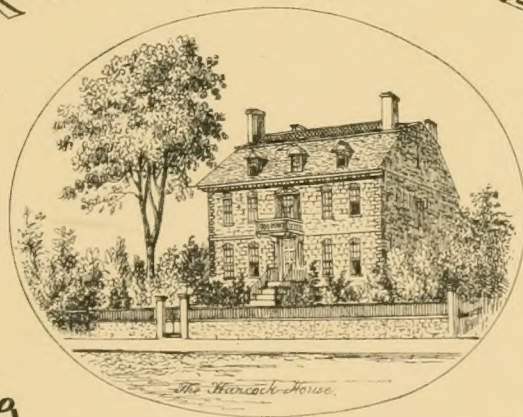




THE HOMES

OF OUR

FOREFATHERS;



BEING A

COLLECTION

Of the Oldest and Most Interesting Buildings
In Massachusetts.

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WITH HISTORICAL MEMORANDA.

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TO THE READER.



THE object of this book is to preserve and hand down to all future posterity representations of the Homes of their Forefathers. From a variety of causes they are rapidly disappearing; and before long the places that now know them will know them no more. It has been a labor of love to the undersigned to collect these mementoes of the past, and his efforts have been ably seconded by many gentlemen to whom his thanks are hereby returned. He has labored under many disadvantages which cannot be here enumerated; but he has tried to do his work faithfully, and no liberties have been taken with the old buildings here represented, or with their surroundings, merely for pictorial effect. It is true that a few houses have been slightly altered from what they *are* to what they *were* originally; and sometimes an indifferent object, such as an old barn, or it may be a tree, has been left out or pushed aside to show the building to better advantage; thus, if not photographically correct, they are sufficiently so for all practical purposes.

Many persons will ask why Plymouth is so poorly represented. It is much to be regretted that so little which is old remains there; and every one who visits the place is, in consequence, disappointed. Yet it must be borne in mind that Kingston was originally a part of Plymouth, and the old houses shown in that town are practically Plymouth houses. The old house in Pembroke also was, when built, in Plymouth; so that, upon the whole, Plymouth is not so poorly represented as might at first sight appear.

With these preliminary remarks he respectfully offers his book to all who are interested in the early history of those who laid the foundations of this Commonwealth, trusting it will meet with their approval.

E. WHITEFIELD.

BOSTON, MASS., April 19, 1879.

DATE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS

♦♦ IN THE ♦♦

EARLY HISTORY OF NEW ENGLAND.

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Cape Cod, so named by Capt. Gosnold and his company,	1602	Mr. Hooker, with one hundred persons, left Cambridge, and settled Hartford, Connecticut,	1636
Settlement by Popham and Gilbert on the Kennebec River, but soon afterwards abandoned,	1607	Rhode Island settled by Roger Williams,	1636
The Pilgrims landed at Cape Cod, November 11th, and then and there entered into a solemn covenant, and chose John Carver as their governor,	1620	Pequot War in Connecticut broke out,	1637
The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, and decided to make a settlement there, December 22,	1620	Massachusetts, Connecticut, Plymouth and New Haven formed a confederacy for mutual protection,	1643
Weston's Colony, settled at Weymouth,	1622	The first witch trial in New England (Margaret Jones, of Charlestown),	1648
Rev. Mr. White, a minister of Dorchester, England, induced a number of persons, under a Mr. Winslow, to commence a settlement at Cape Ann,	1624	Silver money first coined by Massachusetts,	1652
Endicott's Colony landed at Salem,	1628	Persecutions of the Quakers commenced,	1656
Roger Williams ordered to leave Salem,	1634	The King Philip War broke out,	1675
Connecticut settled by men from Dorchester, Massachusetts, at Winsor,	1635	The French and Indian War commenced, and lasted seven years,	1690
		Witchcraft troubles at Salem,	1692
		Plymouth and Massachusetts united,	1652

Concord.



The Hubbard House.

This house was probably built about 1670, and was torn down about three years since. It stood near the Common; and in it were concentrated many military stores at the time of the Concord fight 1765.

Dedham.



The Fairbanks House.

This house was built by John Fairbanks in 1636, and has always belonged to his descendants. It stands not far from the Depot, at the corner of Willow & East sts.

Duxbury.



The Standish House.

This house was built by Alexander, son of Capt Standish, about the year 1780. It was situated about 1/2 mile distant from this no vestige remains except the cellar. This is marked in the picture near the top of the hill to the right of the present house.

Melrose.



The Lynde House.

*This house was built about 1650, soon after the commencement of the Puritan
Settlement. It stands on the south western part of the town near Waverly street.*

Revere.



The Floyd House.

*This house was the second house built in this part of the town, then called
Newbury Marsh, probably about 1670. It stands close to the road looking in
Revere Marsh.*

Kingslon.



The Bradford House.

This house was built by a grandson of Gov Bradford about the year 1670. It is situated on high ground near the Landing.

Ipswich.



The Bond House.

This house is believed to be the oldest in Ipswich and was probably built about 1633. It was evidently intended for a fortified building. It stands very near the depot. The lower part of this house is filled in with brick & stone as it is bullet proof.

Andover.



The Holt House.

This house stands on the side of Prospect Hill, from which a very extensive and charming view can be obtained. It was probably built about the year 1715.

Hewbury.



The Poor House.

This was built by John Poor in 1642, and still belongs to his descendants. It stands very near the turnpike, a short distance beyond Parker River.

Rockport.



The Gott House.

This house was built about 1700, by a man named Gott. It stands very near the water in that part of Rockport called Pigeon Cove.

Salem.



The Prince House

This house, called also the Knight House, stands at the corner of Mission & Forester. It was built by Richard Prince, Deacon of the first Church of Salem about 1669.



The Noyes House

This was built by the Rev. Geo. Noyes about 1636. It stands a short distance from the Old Town Church.

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The Garrison House

*This house was built about 16 for a garrison house. It is now owned by
c Major Emery, and stands on the River road about a mile below Peaskeet bridge.
This part of Dracut now belongs to Lonell.*

Dracut



The Old Iron Works House

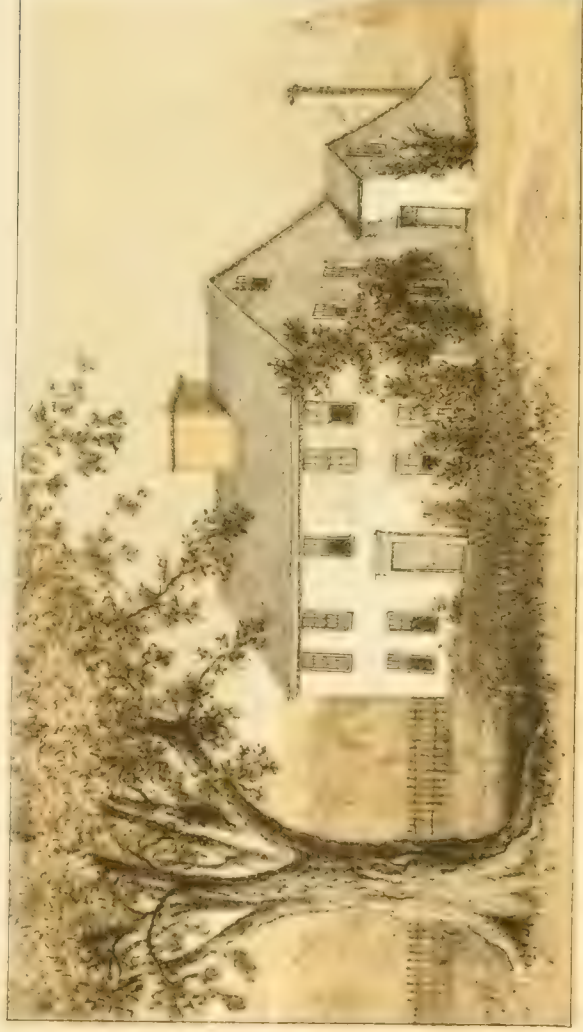
*This was built in 1643, but has been somewhat modernized; the piazza having been added
about 1850. The chimney is of enormous size, and is probably the largest in N. England. It derives its name
from the fact that the man who built it commenced the manufacture of iron in 1645. It continued to be used for 170*



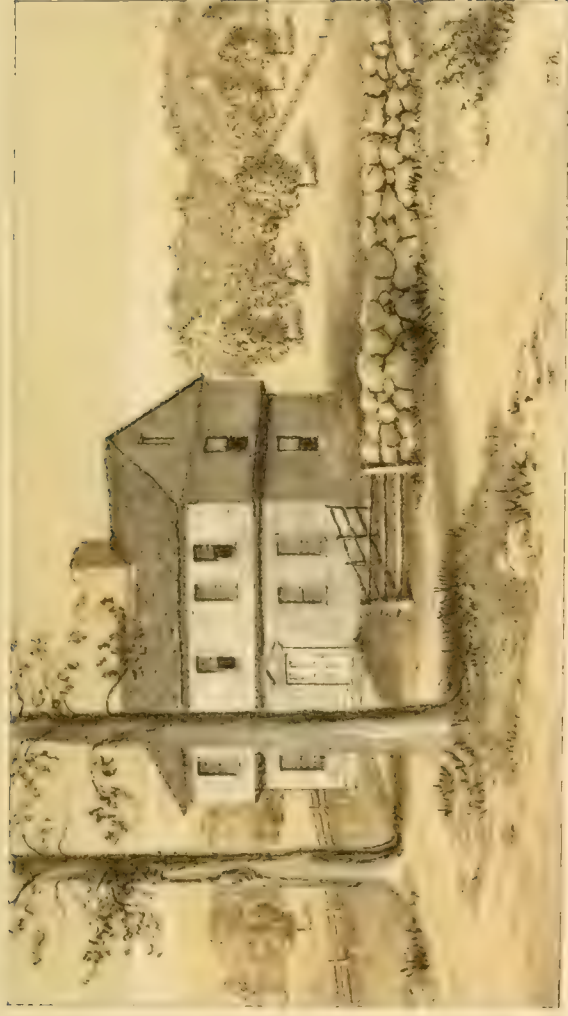
The Old Manse

This was built by or for the Rev. Wm. Emerson, 1775, the grandfather of Ralph Waldo Emerson. It is now the residence of the Rev. Mr. Emerson.

Dorchester



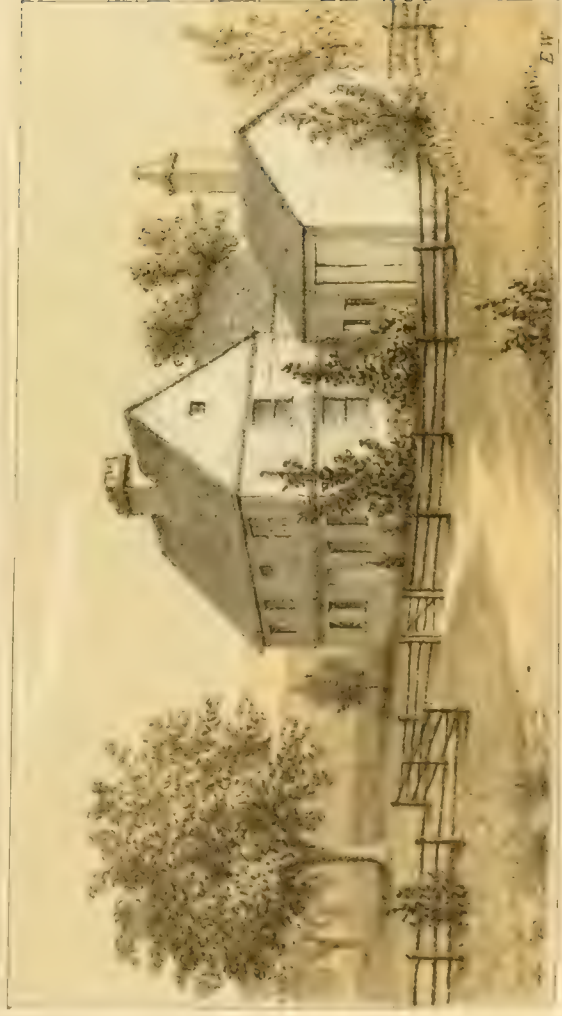
This house was built by an ancestor of the present owner (Chas. Willd.) about 1684. Mr. Willd.'s grandfather, John Willd., was one of the company under Capt. Parker who on the morning of the 19th of April 1775 gained the great drama of the American Revolution, and he was severely wounded.



The Lewis House.

This house was built probably about 1680. It stood at the foot of Boston St., but has been pulled down and moved to two different parts of the city.

Newburyport.



The Pillsbury House.

This was built by Joshua Pillsbury about 1685, and has always been owned by his descendants. It stands on High St. near the Bellville church.



The Clark House.

This house was built by a man named Chaplin, and is now owned by Moses Clark. The exact date of its erection is uncertain but it was probably about 1670.

WALTON.



The Brown House.

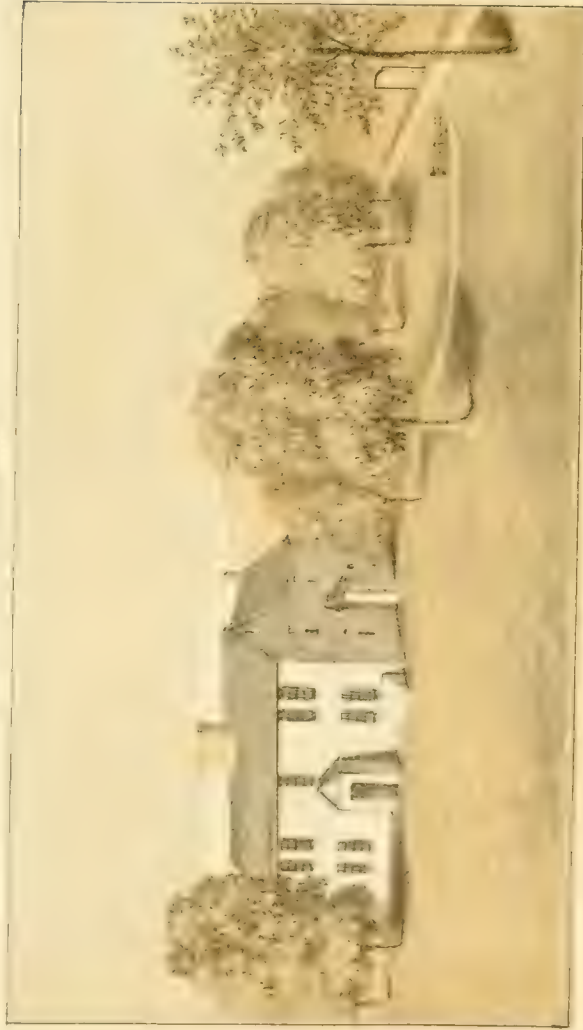
This was built by Abraham Brown 1632, and is therefore one of the very oldest houses in New England. It stands on Main St., on the road to Watmore.



The Gardner House

John Gardner built this house about 1770. It was owned by the Gardner family.

Section.



The Red House

This was the house where the British troops on their return from Concord, April 19th 1776, others were killed by the British troops on their return from Concord, April 19th 1776.



The Wickworth House.

his house was built in 1726, and for 120 years it was the official residence of the Presidents of Harvard College. This building in Cambridge has sheltered so many people of eminence, probably no Wickworth House. It is now used as a dormitory.

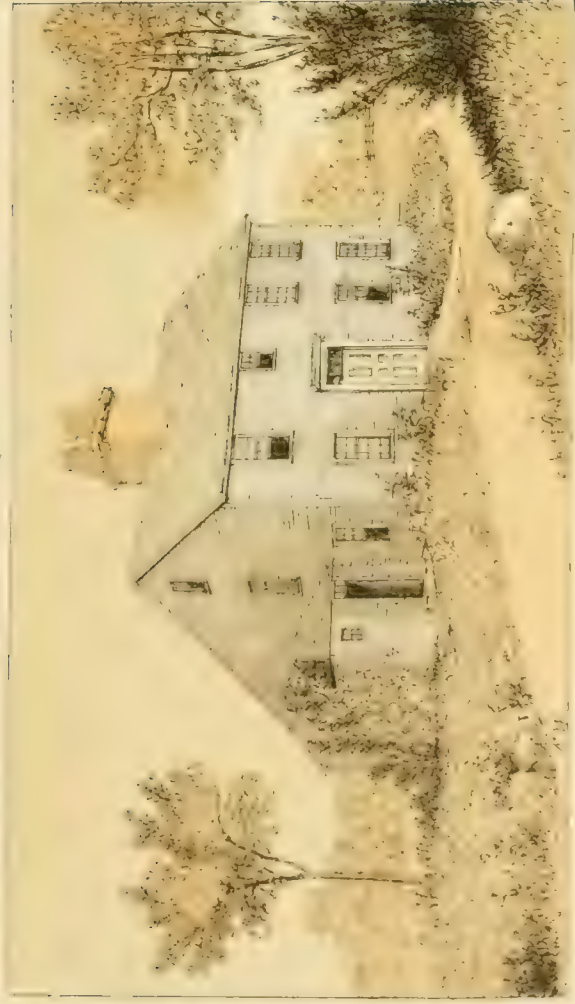
Cambridge.



the Holmes House

This was built by Jacob Tenet about 1730, and is the birthplace of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes. It was occupied by the Committee of Safety in 1775, and Washington encamped it for three days. It is now owned by Harvard College.

Reading.



"I am reading of your old and
valuable house. It is near the east
end of the street."

North Andover.



"The house is about 1850. It stands near the Andover turnpike, nearly op-
posite the house of the late Mr. [unclear] of North Andover."



The 'Moll' Wilcher House.

This house, built about 1720 was the birth-place of the noted Moll Wilcher who was born here, 1743. It stands on One St.

Wingham.



The Wilcher House.

This was built by John Wilcher before the town had any records, but there is little doubt that it was erected as early as 1660. It has recently been pulled down.



THE HOUSE.

In this house, which stands close to the R. R. station, the memorable "Cincinnati Resolutions" were passed, Apr. 9th 1774. They were drawn up by Jos. Warren, and are regarded as the earliest demonstration of independence on the colonies. The house then

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was once built by Colonel Pierce, 1843, and occupied by him until his death 1863, since which time it has remained in the possession of his lineal desc.



The Cushman House.

This was probably built by a son of Elder Cushman about 1809, and was originally of one story. It passed into the hands of Elinger Cobb, who died here in 1884, and was subsequently bought by the city and used as a town house.

Kingston.



The Willett House.

This was built by John Willett about 1838. Mr. Spenser, who went to New York at that city he was elected or appointed the first English manager. He afterwards returned to Mass and died a Quaker. This house is more than a mile from the R.R. station on the road to New York.



The Moore House.

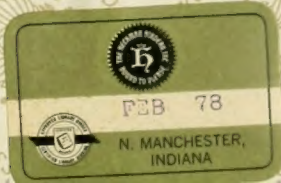
This house was built by the Moore family, and is about 150 years old. The above view shows the house as it was in 1850.



The Green House.

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